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 To: Blanchard, Deborah  
 Cc: Rep. Holder-Winfield, Gary  
 Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT H.B. 5508  
 To the Ct. State Judiciary Committee,

PLEASE SUPPORT H.B. 5508.....

WE CAN NOT ALLOW PARENTS TO GET ARRESTED AND CONVICTED OF FELONY CHARGES FOR WANTING THE BEST QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THEY LIVE WON'T AND DON'T PROVIDE IT!!!

10-186 Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-186 prescribes a two level due process procedure addressing residency, among other things. If after a hearing held before the local board of education, a parent or guardian is aggrieved by that decision, said parent or guardian may appeal the decision to the State Department of Education which will conduct a hearing de novo. The State Department of Education shall hold a hearing and render a decision. The decision of the State Department of Education may be appealed to the Superior Court.

If a board of education prevails at the hearing before the State Department of Education, the local or regional board may seek to recover the amount of assessment for tuition through available civil remedies.

See Section 10-186(b) (4). Therefore, the board of education should not file criminal charges against the parent of the child due to the fact that the due process procedure provides a civil remedy enabling it to recover the assessment for tuition.

March 22, 2010.....Supreme Court: Students Guaranteed Adequate Education  
[http://articles.courant.com/2010-03-22/news/hc-supreme-court-education-suit-0322\\_1\\_higher-education-education-in-many-school-substantially-equal-education](http://articles.courant.com/2010-03-22/news/hc-supreme-court-education-suit-0322_1_higher-education-education-in-many-school-substantially-equal-education)

In 1994, Congress amended the Education of the Homeless Children and Youth program and the Surplus Property Program. The amendments to the Education of Homeless Children and Youth program provided local educational authorities with greater flexibility in the use of funds; specified the rights of homeless preschoolers to a free and appropriate public preschool education; gave parents of homeless children and youth a voice regarding their children's school placement; and required educational authorities to coordinate with housing authorities. The 1994 amendments also removed military bases closed under base-closure laws from the McKinney Act process and created a new process under which service providers could apply to Local Redevelopment Agencies to use property at closed bases to assist homeless persons.

THE McKinney-Vento Act:  
<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/publications/facts/McKinney.pdf>

Thousands of children STILL can't read!  
[http://articles.courant.com/2011-04-12/news/hc-green-reading-failure-0412-20110411\\_1\\_reading-skills-knowledge-of-reading-instruction-poor-readers](http://articles.courant.com/2011-04-12/news/hc-green-reading-failure-0412-20110411_1_reading-skills-knowledge-of-reading-instruction-poor-readers)

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<http://inamerica.blogs.cnn.com/2012/03/07/u-s-report-finds-inequalities-in-courses-and-discipline-for-minority-students/>



U.S. report finds inequalities in courses and discipline for minority students

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"Every single school day, more than 7,200 kids, on average, drop out of high school—1.3 million each year. In many American cities, including Miami, Denver, Los Angeles, New York and Minneapolis, most public school students don't graduate.... In Detroit, the unhappy poster child for American industrial decline, a study from last year showed that a mere quarter of students earn high school diplomas."

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2009/10/28/americas-dropout-crisis.html>



America's Dropout Crisis

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THANK YOU.

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